Complaint lodged by journalists covering Prime Minister's visit to U.S.A.

*47 DR BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to a news item regarding a complaint made by journalists covering Prime Minister's recent visit to the USA in 'the Hindu' of 21st June, 1985;

(b) whether a joint complaint was lodged with the Prime Minister by these journalists;

(c) if so, what are the details of the complaints; and

(d) what action has been taken against the concerned Press Officials of the Prime Minister's Office?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Government have seen a news item to this effect in 'the Hindu' of 20th June, 1985.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) and (d) The main complaints are mentioned in the news item. The complaints have been looked into. There was no evidence of misconduct on the part of the concerned PM officials.

Retirement age for C.R.P.F. personnel

*48. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to raise the age of retirement of C.R.P.F. pesonnel from 55 to 58 years, in view of the increase in longevity and better health maintenance by such personnel; and

(b) if so, by when the decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) No proposal to raise the present age of retirement of the various C.R.P.F. personnel is under consideration of the Government.

Meetings of the Indo-Pak Joint Commission

*49. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the outcome of the meetings of the Indo-Pak Joint Commission recently held in New Delhi;

(b) whether the question of increasing bilateral trade between the two countries was also discussed; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what further action is proposed to be taken to implement the decisions arrived at?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) to (c) The second meeting of India-Pakistan Joint Commission was held in New Delhi from 2nd to 4th July, 1985. Some of the important decisions taken at the meeting were: (i) signing of an agreement on cooperation in agricultural research; (ii) consideration of the draft text for a cultural agreement; (iii) waiver of the requirement of police reporting in respect of bonafide businessmen and holders of transit visa. (vi) finalisation of through railway booking facilities between designated railway stations with effect from 1st October, 1985; (v) agreement on setting up of a working group for cooperation in the field of planning to be preceded